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1. "WRITTEN ASSURANCES" REFERRED TO IN DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICE STATEMENT (PARA 2 REFTEL) IS GOB ANNEX TO MARCH 1, 1972 IAEA BOARD MEETING RECORD CITED PARA 4 REFTEL. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THESE ASSURANCES SHOULD ADEQUATELY SATISFY THE CRITERIA IN THE PENDING LEGISLATION THAT MATERIAL SUPPLIED UNDER OUR BILATERAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT NOT BE "USED FOR ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE OR FOR RESEARCH ON DEVELOPMENT OF ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE."

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2. AS EMBASSY RECORDS INDICATE (PARA 4(C) REFTEL) GOB DID NOT RESPOND TO US NOTE OF JULY 17, 1972. ALTHOUGH ABSENCE OF A REPLY BY BRAZIL TO THE US NOTE SHOULD POSE NO PROBLEM IN MEETING STANDARDS OF THE PENDING LEGISLATION, IT MAY BE RAISED BY POSSIBLE INTERVENORS DURING THE NRC PROCEEDINGS ON THE LICENSE AND COULD CONCEIVABLY BECOME AN OBSTACLE TO

THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE IF LACK OF REPLY IS ARGUED TO WEAKEN BRAZILIAN ASSURANCE GIVEN AT IAEA BOARD MEETING. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT DEPARTMENT ASKED THAT EMBASSY DRAW GOB ATTENTION TO ABSENCE OF A "BILATERAL" NO-PNE

UNDERTAKING WITH REGARD TO US SUPPLY WHEN INFORMING GOB OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH RECOMMENDATION.

3. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON ABOVE IF GOB RAISES THIS ISSUE. HABIB

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